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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

Yean-Hsi Chang

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 February 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6,9-14,17-22,24-26 and 28 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6,9-14,17-22,24-26 and 28 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
- If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____ |
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DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 24 February has been entered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) and the Intellectual Property and High Technology Technical Amendments Act of 2002 do not apply when the reference is a U.S. patent resulting directly or indirectly from an international application filed before November 29, 2000.

Therefore, the prior art date of the reference is determined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

3. Claims 1-3, 5-6, 9-11, 13-14, 17-22, 24-26 and 28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Patel et al. (US 6,418,017 B1).

Patel teaches a device enclosure, or a system, or a computer chassis, comprising:

- A chassis (12, fig. 1) (claims 1, 19 and 24)
- A detachable thermo-siphon device (42, fig. 6) formed as an integral part of a wall (20, fig. 3) of the chassis (claims 1, 19, 24 and 28)
- Wherein the device enclosure is a notebook computer chassis (10, fig. 1) (claims 2, 3, 22 and 26)
- Wherein the thermo-siphon device is a heat pipe embedded in a cavity of the wall (see col. 7, lines 44-46) (claims 5, 10, 11, 20 and 25)
- Wherein the thermo-siphon device is a strip (42, fig. 6) of high efficiency conduit material (see col. 2, lines 39-43) (claims 6, 9 and 21)
- Wherein the thermo-siphon device is exposed to an interior of the enclosure (see fig. 6) (claim 13)
- Wherein the thermo-siphon device is exposed to a heat sink (24a, fig. 6) (claim 14)
- Wherein a metallic plate (22, fig. 4) interfaces a heat source (40a, fig. 6) with the thermo-siphon device (claim 18)

- Wherein the thermo-siphon device (42, fig. 6) is secured to a wall cavity (30a, fig. 6) through means provided by cavity walls (see fig. 6) (claim 17)

4. Claims 1 and 4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Merced, III et al. (US 6,118,655).

Mecredy teaches a device enclosure (76, fig.5) comprising a detachable thermo-siphon device (44, fig. 4) embedded in an enclosure skin (figs. 3 and 4), wherein the device is a non-electronic device.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. Claim 12 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Patel et al. in view of Li et al. (US 6,148,906).

Patel discloses the claimed invention except the wall of the chassis partially enclosing the thermo-siphon device. However, Li teaches a chassis wall (at recess 96, not numbered, fig. 9) partially enclosing a thermo-siphon (90, fig. 9). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to

modify the device of Patel with the chassis wall taught by Li such that the thermo-siphon may be partially enclosed so as to make up-keep and maintenance activities easier.

Response to Arguments

7. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-3, 5-6, 9-11, 13-14, 17-22, 24-26 and 28 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection. Applicant argues that "Patel et al discloses the use of a heat pipe that is not detachable from a wall of a chassis." Referring specification of Patel, col. 7, lines 44-46, "a complete heat pipe 42 formed by conventional means is inserted within the cavity provided by channel 30 and seal 34 is added." Therefore, it is considered detachable for maintenance and repair whenever necessary.

Correspondence

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Yean-Hsi Chang whose telephone number is (703) 306-5798. The examiner can normally be reached on 07:30-16:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Darren Schuberg can be reached on (703) 308-4815. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 305-3431 for regular communications and for After Final communications. There are

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RightFAX numbers and provide the fax sender with an auto-reply fax verifying receipt by the USPTO: Before-Final (703-872-9318) and After-Final (703-872-9319).

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 305-8558.

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